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Belleville Senators vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #413

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (16-6-3-3) kick-off a busy holiday week tonight at The Blue Cross Arena as they host the inaugural visit from the Belleville Senators (11-14-0-3). The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the third of eight scheduled meetings between the North Division rivals this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Trailing 2-0 late in the third period Saturday night against Utica, the Amerks scored twice in the final 6:33 of regulation to force overtime before rookie **C.J. Smith** completed the come-from-behind win just 17 seconds into the extra frame to lift Rochester to a 3-2 win at Adirondack Bank Center. It was the third time this season – and second on the road – the Amerks were able to overcome a deficit of two or more goals and come away with the win.

- With the overtime victory, Rochester has notched points in 17 of its last 19 games and 30 points overall since Nov. 1 while improving to 9-1-3-2 in 15 games away from The Blue Cross Arena on the season. The Amerks remain the only AHL team on the campaign with one regulation loss on the road this season.

- Smith, who helped set up Rochester's two goals in regulation, led the Amerks with his team-leading 10th goal of the season, becoming the first Rochester skater this season to reach double digits in goals as well as the 30-point mark. **Kyle Criscuolo** also had two assists, including one on the game-winner, while **Sahir Gill**, who scored his career-high seventh goal of the season, and **Nick Baptiste** rounded out the scoring. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** made 31 saves to earn his second straight win and third in his last four appearances.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Rochester travels north of the border for back-to-back matchups against the Laval Rocket Friday and Saturday night at Place Bell. The two teams will play each other a total of four times over the next five games with two more get-togethers slated in Rochester following the Christmas break. Both upcoming games in Laval will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Tonight's contest marks the fourth of nine straight games against North Division opponents for Rochester to close out the 2017 calendar year.

- The Amerks have collected at least one point in 17 of their last 19 games and 30 points dating back to Nov. 1. Rochester is tied for third overall in the American Hockey League with just four points sitting between them and the top-ranked Toronto Marlies.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
77-93



11-14-0-3 (25 points)

16-6-3-3 (38 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	28	10	20	30	6	11
Sahir Gill	28	7	12	19	2	-8
Brendan Guhle	27	6	11	17	8	3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	20	12-4-3	1,121	558	.921	2.57
Adam Wilcox	11	4-2-3	590:28	262	.897	3.05

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 22	@ Laval	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 23	@ Laval	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 27	vs. Laval	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 16	Utica	OTW 3-2	30-33	1-6	0-3
Dec. 15	Toronto	L 3-2	34-24	0-3	2-2
Dec. 13	Utica	W 3-1	34-30	1-1	1-1

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	7-5-0-1	45	39	15
AWAY	9-1-3-2	48	42	23
TOTALS	16-6-3-3	93	81	38

SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Gabriel Gagne	27	12	3	15	22	-2
Jim O'Brien	26	7	8	15	22	2
Filip Chlapik	27	6	9	15	15	-6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Andrew Hammond	13	6-3-2	713:19	358	.906	3.11
Chris Driedger	6	2-3-0	322:24	150	.888	3.54
Danny Taylor	12	3-8-1	670:04	316	.880	3.85



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- With five points (2+3) in his last three games, including another three-point outing Saturday in Utica, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** has jumped up to third overall in scoring in the AHL, sitting behind only former Amerk Phil Varone and leading point-getter Chris Bourque. He paces the team in all offensive categories with 10 goals, 20 assists and 30 points while being one of just four skaters to appear in all 28 games thus far this season. His 81 shots and plus-11 on-ice rating are also tops on the team. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently leads all AHL rookies in scoring, while his 20 assists also lead all first-year skaters and are sixth-most in the league.

- Three of Rochester's top five scorers are defensemen, with **Brendan Guhle** (6+11) and **Stuart Percy** (3+14) tied for most amongst team blueliners with 17 points entering the week. Coming off a season-long five-game point streak, Guhle ranks third in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen. He has six goals on the season, placing him tied for fourth in the AHL in goals by a defenseman. Guhle also leads all first-year blueliners with three power-play tallies and 73 shots. Percy, meanwhile, has recorded all 17 points in his last 19 games dating back to Nov. 3, including a career-best three-point night on Nov. 15 against Binghamton. On Tuesday, the former first-round pick, who joined the Amerks on a Professional Tryout, was rewarded with an AHL contract that will keep him in Rochester for the remainder of the 2017-18 season.

- Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** boasts a 9-1-3 record over his last 13 games. Last Friday's loss to Toronto was the first in regulation since Oct. 28 for the former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP. Ullmark, however, has won 11 of his last 16 starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a career-best five straight to open the month of November. He currently leads the AHL in saves (558) and minutes played (1,121) and is tied for the league-lead with 12 wins. He also ranks 10th and 14th amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .921 save percentage and 2.57 goals-against average, respectively.

SCOUTING THE SENATORS

- Showing a 3-5-0-2 record over the last 10 games, the Senators makes their inaugural visit to The Blue Cross Arena tonight, marking just the third all-time meeting between the two teams.
- Belleville comes to Rochester having just 16 goals while on the man-advantage this season on 129 attempts (12.4%). Despite having the worst power-play percentage in the Eastern Conference, the B-Sens have drawn the most penalties in the AHL while on the road.
- The B-Sens come into the matchup with three 15 point-getters, which includes second-year pro Gabriel Gagne. After posting just six points (2+4) in 41 games with the Binghamton Senators last season, Gagne has 15 points through 27 games in 2017-18, including a team-best 12 goals. Jim O'Brien (7+8) and Filip Chlapik (6+9) join Gagne as the other leading point-getters.
- Andrew Hammond in his fifth season with the Ottawa Senators organization and shows a 6-3-2 record in 13 games this season.

2017-18 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kevin Porter	2	1	2	3	0	2
Stuart Percy	2	0	3	3	0	0
Sahir Gill	2	2	0	2	0	2

GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	59:56	2	.950	2.00
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-1	64:03	5	.875	4.68

BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Francis Perron	2	1	3	4	0	2
Jordan Murray	2	3	0	3	2	0
Thomas Chabot	2	1	1	2	4	-2

GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Andrew Hammond	1	1-0-0	64:03	4	.826	3.75
Danny Taylor	1	0-1-0	56:54	4	.867	4.22

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 10	W	4-2	30-40	0-5	4-6
Nov. 11	OTL	5-4	23-40	1-3	3-3
Dec. 20					
Jan. 10					
Feb. 7					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BELLEVILLE: 1-1-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Senators defenseman Erik Burgdoefer returns to Rochester for the first time since signing with the Ottawa Senators over the summer. In 52 games last season with the Amerks, Burgdoefer notched 17 points (1+16) and made his long-awaited NHL debut with the Buffalo Sabres, appearing in two games.
- Amerks general manager **Randy Sexton's** son, Ben, is a forward for the B-Sens. In his first season with the Senators, Ben has tallied two goals after posting a career-high 19 last season with the Albany Devils.
- Belleville head coach Kurt Kleinendorst led the Senators to the 2011 Calder Cup when the franchise was still located in Binghamton.